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RE: Van Tran Electric Off-Site Sediment Sampling

Dear Dennis:

On May 13, 1987, Greg Dunn (IEPA/PSI) and I collected 12 sets of sediment samples from Town Branch Creek in Vandalia, Illinois. Sample locations are shown on the two attached maps ("Sketch 1" is the map from our 04/08/87 plan for sampling). All samples were obtained from areas of sediment deposition. Each sample is a composite of 3 to 5 subsamples taken within a 10' stream reach at each sample site. All but sample no. 4 were obtained with stainless steel spoons. No. 4 was obtained with a stainless steel soil probe. Subsamples were placed in stainless steel pans and field composited with stainless steel spatulas at each site, then placed in the containers provided. (Samples for the PSI survey were obtained from the same composites as our PCB samples.) Sites were sampled in the order 11, 10, 9, 8, 1, 7, 6, 3, 2, 4, 5. Descriptions of the sites and activities follow:

- <u>Site 1.</u> Drainage ditch along RR tracks to N of site. Light brown medium sand. Dry.
- <u>Site 2.</u> Roadside drainage ditch to NE of site. Light brown sandy silt. Dry.
- <u>Site 3.</u> Drainage ditch below confluence of streams from sites 1 and 2. Light brown sandy silt. Dry.
- <u>Site 4.</u> Drainage ditch from east side of site along south side of Ray's Excavating. Light brown silt. Dry. Compacted; obtained with soil probe.
- Site 5. Deposition area below confluence of 3, 4. Brown silt. Ponded water.
- $\overline{\text{Site 6}}$. Drainage ditch from west side of site to south of Van Tran Avenue. Light brown silt. Dry. Obtained from mouths of culverts under Van Tran Avenue and entry road to Purina.
- <u>Site 7.</u> Ponded deposition area below confluence of streams from sites 5 and 6. Brown silt.

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<u>Site 8.</u> Large alluvial fan, approximately 200 yards to north of City Park. Brown silt. Stream flowing at this point.

Site 9. Central part of City Park. Three destinctly different groups of sediments in this area - (1) brown sand with intermixed detritus in central channel, (2) brown silt on top 1 - 1-1/2" with layer of dark brown organic muck on "outsides" of meanders, bluish-gray clay with 1/4 - 1/2" of brown silt on top to "insides" of meanders. Attempted to obtain equal alquots of ech.

Site 10. South end of City Park immediately upstream from confluence of Town Branch and a residential drainage stream from the west. Brown silt.

Site 11. Immediately downstream (east) of Highway 51. Brown clayey silt.

Site 12. Approximately 100 yards to west of confluence of Town Branch and Kaskaskia River. To inside (deposition side) of meander. Bluish-gray clayey silt with conspicuous iron nodules and septic odor.

Sincerely,

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Project Manager

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SKetch 1. Surface Prainageways - Van Tran Electric - Proposed Sediment Sampling Areas

